

A Call to Conscience to AFL-CIO President Trumka and Secretary-Treasurer Shuler

We are 51 AFL-CIO employees who are members of the OPEIU Local 2 bargaining unit. Most of us are African American, Hispanic, or Asian. Most of us are women. Most of us have worked for AFL-CIO for at least 15 years. We help run your conferences, clean your building, and pay your expenses. We are the lowest-paid employees of the AFL-CIO. We are the working people that the AFL-CIO represents.

We are currently in negotiations and working under an imposed contract. Despite this, many of us have worked long hours during the election campaigns, at the MLK Conference and the rally to end the government shutdown.

By the end of this contract, we'll have experienced an 8-year wage freeze. Yet the AFL-CIO is seeking the right to unilaterally impose up to 24 furlough days over a two-year period, which could reduce our wages by an additional 8-10%.

Labor understands how furloughs are a form of economic injustice for workers and their families. No union member should be forced to waive their right to bargain over such an economic impact. This includes the employees of the AFL-CIO.

President Trumka and Secretary-Treasurer Shuler: This is a call to conscience. These are not Labor's values. AFL-CIO's fight for economic justice for its 12.5 million members also applies to us.

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